

Darby Morin, an honorable serviceman, husband, and father.

Sergeant Morin began his military career as an Army Transportation specialist, maintaining Army vehicles. With the support of his family, Darby became a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist. This new role gave him the skills and knowledge to defend our nation against the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

We are forever indebted to our servicemembers for their sacrifice and recognize the irreplaceable support military spouses and families provide for our nation's heroes. Military families serve alongside their loved ones, and today, we remember their tremendous sacrifice and mourn their loss.

I am pleased to know that my staff was able to join Sergeant Morin's family and U.S. Bank in recognizing his impressive and enduring legacy during the Gold Star Family event, Driven to Serve. While we all mourn this loss, Sergeant Darby Morin's commitment to serving our nation will never be forgotten.

HONORING BATOYUN "OYUNA"  
URANCHIMEG, PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Batoyun "Oyuna" Uranchimeg on her performance at the 2022 Paralympic Games in Beijing, which earned the U.S. Wheelchair Curling Team 5th place.

Oyuna began curling in 2016 and has since become an instrumental member of the USA Wheelchair Curling Development Team. She has shown us that strength is about the determination to persevere. Her performance has been inspirational, and I look forward to watching what she accomplishes next.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Oyuna and congratulate her on her impressive Paralympic performance.

HONORING CURT RHODES

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curt Rhodes.

Curt was a friend to everyone he met. Whether he was watching races at the Macon Speedway, attending events with the UMP Modified Racing Series, or watching his favorite team, the St. Louis Blues, Curt was loved by those around him.

If there is one thing Curt loved more than the Blues or a day at the speedway, it was his family. Curt loved nothing more than to be with his family. His brother Joe, his sister Debbie, his nephews Brandon, Justin, Tyler, and Ryan, and his nieces Hannah and Kristy meant the world to him. Curt and his wife Katrina raised a beautiful family of their own, including his son Zachary and his daughter Cassandra. Curt was loved and will be remembered by many.

Curt was born in Edmonton Alberta, Canada but eventually moved to my hometown of Taylorville, Illinois. He lived a fulfilling, honest life and was dedicated to his family, his community and being a friend to all.

On January 31, 2022, Curt passed away in Springfield, Illinois. Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family. Curt will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

JEFF CANNON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Cannon for receiving the 2021 Man of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Man of the Year Award is given annually to a man who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve his community.

Jeff has been a tireless volunteer in Arvada for more than 40 years. Most notably, he has served with the Arvada Jaycee's since 1981 and has held many positions in the organization, including Chapter President, Colorado Secretary, Colorado State President and Colorado Senate President. He has managed the Arvada Harvest Festival as well as many other community events through the years. In addition, he's served on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Arvada Planning Commission, and served as President of Arvada Sister Cities. His commitment to serving the Arvada community is unparalleled.

Congratulations again to Jeff Cannon on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH ROTH'S  
RETIREMENT FROM HUMAN  
RIGHTS WATCH

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, who has announced his retirement after serving the organization for nearly 30 years at its helm. During this time, he developed the organization to become a leading defender of human rights with a budget of nearly \$100 million and over 500 staff operating in 100 countries.

Mr. Roth, a former federal prosecutor in New York and during investigations of the Iran-Contra Affair, began his career in human rights work as a volunteer for 6 years before joining HRW as Deputy Director in 1987. At the time, HRW consisted of regional human rights monitoring groups, including Helsinki Watch—a product of the 1975 Helsinki Accords to monitor compliance of human rights in Soviet bloc countries that called for the "naming and shaming" of violators of human rights—Americas Watch, Asia Watch, Middle East Watch and Africa Watch. Jointly, the groups were known as "The Watch Commit-

tees." The year following his appointment as Deputy Director, the collective was consolidated under the name Human Rights Watch. In 1993, Kenneth Roth was named Executive Director of HRW following its first Director, Aryeh Neier.

As Executive Director, Mr. Roth demonstrated an even-handed approach to his position and has not shied away from bringing attention to human rights violations committed by governments and individuals around the world. HRW has brought to our awareness abuses occurring in Ethiopia, Yemen, Egypt, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria and in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region documenting repression of the Uyghur minority population, to name a few countries. HRW reports have also criticized U.S. administrations over the use of "black sites" and laws on surveillance following the September 11 attacks, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim policies, and isolationist policies. Additionally, through its staff reporting and advocacy, HRW reports have been instrumental in investigations and convictions of warlords, wartime leaders and individuals accused of committing human rights abuses, including Liberia's Charles Taylor, Peru's Alberto Fujimori and Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

Mr. Roth has also demonstrated that he is no stranger to "good trouble." Roth has received criticism from the Rwandan government over HRW's reporting of genocide and other crimes committed by its President, Paul Kagame. Additionally, he was denied entry into Egypt in 2014 over the report All According to Plan: The Rab'a Massacre and Mass Killings of Protestors in Egypt, which placed responsibility for mass killings of protestors following the ousting of President Mohamed Morsi on senior officials, including then Defense Minister and current President, Abdul Fattah al-Sisi. He faced Chinese sanctions and was similarly denied entry into Hong Kong, where he planned to release the World Report 2020 showing Chinese policies to "restrict freedom of religion" in Tibetan areas, forced and deceptive marriages through "bride trafficking," violations of the Refugee Convention by returning North Korean refugees, and forced detainment of Turkic Muslims in "political education" camps—a tactic currently being used by Russia against Ukrainian children.

Over the span of his 30-year career, Kenneth put feet on the ground meeting with communities impacted by human rights violations, speaking with over 2 dozen world leaders to address and end abuses, and leading fact-finding investigative trips to over 50 countries, including Haiti, Cuba, Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria. He focused HRW teams on issues pertaining to women, children, and senior populations; refugees; persons with disabilities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; poverty and inequality; climate change; and on human rights abuses here in the United States of America. HRW began documenting abuses in realtime with the aim of ending atrocities sooner rather than later and incorporating videos and graphics in its reports as well as using social media for advocacy. The organization supported bringing perpetrators to justice through war crimes tribunals at the United Nations Security Council and the creation of the International Criminal Court as a body to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Kenneth pushed the ICC to